

**STATE OF ILLINOIS
COMMERCE COMMISSION
PUBLIC UTILITIES
MINUTES OF AUGUST 24, 2006
EMERGENCY SPECIAL OPEN MEETING**

Pursuant to Section 2.02 of the Open Meetings Act, an Emergency Special Open Meeting of the Commerce Commission was convened by Chairman Box at 10:30 a.m. on August 24, 2006 in the Chicago Office of the Commission. Present were: Commissioners Ford, Lieberman, O'Connell-Diaz, Wright and Chairman Box.

06-0027	Illinois Commerce Commission -vs- Illinois Bell Telephone Company Investigation of specified tariffs declaring certain services to be competitive telecommunications services.
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Topics of discussion included: ALJ Hilliard recommended denying the Petition for Interlocutory Review, the Motion to Strike Testimony and the Request for Leave to Participate in Oral Argument; Commissioner Wright agreed with the ALJ's recommendation on the Petition for Interlocutory Review and the Motion to Strike Testimony; he pointed out that the additional data is not necessary to the argument of this case; regarding the AARP's Request for Leave to Participate in Oral Argument, ALJ Hilliard explained that the AARP had filed an appearance, but had not actively participated in the case or filed a brief in this case; the Commission rules state that inactive parties who have not filed a brief must request special leave from the Commission to participate in Oral Argument; the AARP sent an August 22nd e-mail requesting leave to participate, which ALJ Hilliard received on August 23; the AARP offered no excuse for failure to comply with the Commission's rules; AT&T filed a letter objecting to granting the request because it came too late from a party that did not participate in the case; Commissioners Ford and Lieberman requested making an exception to the Commission's rule in this case; Commissioner Wright concurred, with an admonishment that the AARP follow the rules of practice in the future.

Commissioner Wright made a Motion to Deny the Petition for Interlocutory Review. Commissioner Ford seconded the Motion. All present voted aye on the Motion.

Commissioner Wright made a Motion to Deny the Motion to Strike Testimony Dependent on Non-Record Data. Commissioner Ford seconded the Motion. All present voted aye on the Motion.

Commissioner Ford made a Motion to Grant the Request by AARP to Participate in Oral Argument. Commissioner Lieberman seconded the Motion. All present voted aye on the Motion.

The meeting was adjourned.